



## **Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council MINUTES**

**August 15, 2006**

**2:00 PM**

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Headquarters  
Cranston, RI

**In attendance:**

Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty, Chairman  
MG Robert Bray  
Christopher R. Albert, Office of LT. GOV  
Michael DiMascolo, Fire Marshal Office  
Diana Arcand, RIEMA  
Lt. David Hayden, RISP  
Ray LaBelle, E911  
George S. Farrell, State Fire Marshal  
Jean Marie Rocha, HARI  
Thomas Kilday, HEALTH  
Chief Michael J. Dillon, Prov. Fire  
Leo Kennedy, Cranston Fire Dept.  
Joseph Salter, TSA  
Janice McClanaghan, RI Energy Office  
John Holt, RI Red Cross  
James Lanni, RIPUC  
Robert Warren, RIEMA  
Al Gettman, RIDEM

Bob Thorne, TSA  
Douglas Brown RIPTA  
Jim Blackburn, TSA  
Mike McDonough, TSA Rail/ Boston  
Chief J. David Smith, Narragansett Police  
Fred Mason, National Grid  
Paul Stasiuk, National Grid  
Ed Paluch, National Grid  
Steve Kenney, Naval Undersea Warfare  
George Hickey, CCRI Emergency Management Program  
Leo Messier, Providence EMA  
Nick Logothets, RI Red Cross  
Ron Pigeon, USCG  
Roy Nash, USCG  
Amanda Milkovits, ProJo

### **I. Call to Order/ Attendance**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Fogarty at 2:10 p.m.

### **II. Approval of the minutes from June 27, 2006**

Chairman Fogarty made motion to approve minutes of June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minutes were approved.

### **III. Introduction**

#### *A. Comments from the Chairman, Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty*

Due to lengthy agenda Chairman Fogarty chose to refrain from opening comments and would incorporate his comments throughout meeting.

#### *B. Comments from the Vice Chairman, MG Robert Bray*

General Bray opened by stating that things at EMA have been very busy and the cooperation they are experiencing on Local and Federal levels has been outstanding. General Bray added that every day EMA is growing the relationships with our local and federal partners. General Bray stated that the Emergency Management efforts still have challenges, mainly funding, but that Rhode Island has a great congressional team that is very sympathetic and listens to Rhode Island's needs and issues.

### **IV. Motiva Fire After Action Report –Leo Messier- Providence EMA/ Robert Warren, RIEMA**

Chairman Fogarty introduced Director Robert Warren to discuss the status of the Motiva Fire After-Action report.

Director Warren stated that RIEMA has met with parties involved in the incident with the exception of Providence who is still completing their internal review of the incident. The director has met with Motiva, DEM, EMA and is in the process of evaluating the incident and what went right and wrong. The Coast Guard is investigating the actual cause of the incident, but that report will not be available for several months. The director stated that EMA is not looking at the cause of the fire, but the management and response functions, which RIEMA takes a part in either planning for or responding to.

Chairman Fogarty introduced Leo Messier to give an update on the Providence Report.

Leo Messier stated that Mayor Cicilline met with public safety officials last Wednesday about response and after-action. The Incident happened 10:40 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July and was observed by engine company 13 while en-route to another call. The fire was first called in as a second alarm then quickly moved to a third alarm fire status. The mutual aide plan was activated and the state phone task force was activated which called outside agencies notifying DEM, Coast Guard, Clean Harbors, etc., of the incident. The Fire occurred while a tanker carrying fuel was offloading its cargo into one of the tanks located at the Motiva Facility. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Fire was quickly contained and under control due to the tanker crew and Motiva employees following their fire emergency procedures. The procedures included the disconnect of the fuel supply hose from the tanker to the tank and from the tank to the tanker. Tanker crew was able to free the ship from the dock after the fuel supply was disconnected which eliminated the possibility of the tanker catching fire. Due to these quick actions, the fire was contained to the Motiva dock area. The Providence Fire Dept immediately responded to fight the blaze and control the fire at the dock area. Due to the fire being

contained to the dock area, there was no need to evacuate any other facilities or residents of the Providence Port area. The Providence Fire Department had established a working and training relationship with the agencies located in the Port of Providence, and the Fire Department had worked with Motiva staff and trained at the facility so they were familiar with layout of Motiva and where their critical infrastructure is located. Mr. Messier also credited a recent exercise conducted at RIEMA involving a simulated oil spill at Motiva Enterprises and noted that it was also very useful in bringing together the same agencies in a unified command presence utilizing many principals from the National Response plan. Mr. Messier stated that through the outstanding efforts of the fire department and other outside agencies, including Motiva staff and tanker crew, there were no casualties or serious injuries as a result of this incident.

Chairman Fogarty added that the importance of the variety of table top exercises that have been ongoing for a number of years, allow people to work cooperatively together and increase the relationship with the contact people so that when an incident occurs it makes it easier to contain. The Chairman recapped that the Coast Guard is doing a report on the cause of the fire, RIEMA is doing an after-action report on the state response, and Providence is doing an after-action report on the local response. The Chairman requested that upon completion of the above reviews, the Council plans to talk about lessons learned and what we can do to provide the maximum in coordination and support.

Chairman Fogarty introduced Chief Dillon of the Providence Fire Department to add his comments.

Chief Dillon added to Leo Messier's comments stating that Providence Fire is still completing their internal investigation of the fire. One of the main reasons the after action report is not complete is due to the investigation of the fire not being completed.

Chief Dillon complimented the State cooperation during the Motiva incident. The chief stated that Providence Fire immediately turned over dispatch responsibility and acquiring resources for the incident to another fire department dispatch center, in this case, Warwick. The Chief added that dispatch operations were addressed very well by the Warwick Dispatch center, and commended them for their assistance. Chief Dillon stated that the scene was evaluated to determine if there was cause for evacuation of the area around the Motiva incident. Providence Fire requested DEM call for EPA to conduct air monitoring. Air monitoring was conducted of the area and no toxins above the permissible exposure limits were found in the vicinity of that area.

Chief Dillon extended his thanks to the Coast Guard, Motiva and RIEMA for their timely support in this effort especially Director Warren, who was on scene.

General Bray added that the seamless cooperation that took place ensured that not only the incident was managed but that the safety of the entire community was covered. General Bray stated that many of Providence's assets were drawn into the Motiva incident, but at the same time there was an automatic backfill to ensure that coverage took place across the city.

Chief Dillon stated that Providence had assets in the city from as far away as Cumberland and Exeter. Chief Dillon again thanked the Warwick Dispatch center for a great job in getting Providence assets.

## **V. Hurricane Update – Robert Warren- RIEMA**

Chairman Fogarty introduced Director Warren to give an update on the hurricane planning effort.

### **Outreach plan – Status and Progress**

Director Warren stated that the outreach plan continues to move forward. Evacuation maps were mailed last week to the zip codes effected in the identified 21 cities and towns. The Director added that EMA continues do radio and TV talk shows, and are continuing to do public outreach. Director Warren stated that EMA is working with Citadel Communications to have them broadcast official information from the EMA headquarters during a hurricane incident. The Director stated that he will be training Citadel's on air personalities in Emergency Management functions and the hurricane evacuation plan so that they will be more versed in it if they have to speak about these issues on air.

Chairman Fogarty asked if the information would be broadcast to other media outlets or just Citadel.

Director Warren stated that they are still working out the details but the information would be available to everyone for broadcast.

### **Drills and training Update**

Director Warren continued with a drills and training update and stated that drills are ongoing for NIMS and ITS. The Director reminded the group that NIMS is due September. Director Warren stated that EMA offered two classes in flood insurance programming and issued one for Providence County and one for rest of state. Director Warren also stated that EMA had conducted two web EOC drills with local partners and some state agencies. The Director also stated that RIEMA and J3 National Guard staff (Operational staff) conducted a three-hour training on protocols and procedures of the two agencies.

### **Evacuation plan Update**

In regard to the hurricane evacuation plan, Director Warren stated that EMA and DOT and the vendor writing the plan are continuing to refine the evacuation plan. EMA is working with the RI State Police coordinating their towing list to station tow trucks at strategic locations along the evacuation routes. RIEMA is also working with RIPTA looking at their assets and common radio frequencies in the event busses are needed.

### **Block Island**

Director Warren gave a report on the preparedness of Block Island. He stated that trailers of water and MRE's, along with shelter supplies were delivered to Block Island.

Together, the supplies will provide Block Island residents with food and water for one week.

### **Regional Planning Update**

In regard to the regional planning effort, Director Warren stated that RIEMA continues to meet with the Coast Guard and MAEMA to ensure that Buzzards Bay Narragansett Bay response is coordinated. Director Warren is meeting Thursday with the New England State EMA directors to discuss the relocation of citizens during an emergency event. In addition, General Bray and Director Warren will meet with the FEMA Director of Region One and the other 6 EMA directors and Generals to discuss regional planning issues, according to Director Warren.

### **Shelter Designation and planning Update- Red Cross Update**

Director Warren stated that CCRI and URI have been approved as shelters, and the Red Cross is finalizing the details. In addition, EMA is working with the Red Cross on the issue of radio communications for the shelters.

Nick Logathest, of the Red Cross of Rhode Island gave an update on the status of emergency shelter designation. Mr. Logathest stated that Rhode Island has 31 hurricane-approved shelters and stand at about 1,254 active volunteers to run the shelters as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Logathest added that the addition of URI and CCRI as designated shelters provide an additional 9,500 person capacity which doubles capacity we previously had. Mr. Logathest stated that the facility agreements are in the hands of URI and CCRI and he anticipates having them signed by end of this week. In addition, Roger Williams University has offered to work to set up a regional shelter on their campus.

Mr. Logathest explained that short-term capacity requires 20sq/ft per person, which would provide shelter for approximately 15,500, while long term requires 40 sq/ft and would provide shelter for 9,600. Logathest stated that Red Cross has the staff and resources to take care of sheltered individuals for 5 days.

Chairman Fogarty asked about the current number of volunteers last year compared with this year.

Mr. Logathest reported that currently there are 1,254 active volunteers, last year there were approximately 700, and four years ago there were 60. Logathest stated that Block Island is set up with their shelter and that their shelter team is continuing training in September and October.

Tom Kilday of HEALTH added that he had met recently with the Block Island Health Center which normally functions as a life and health center. Mr. Kilday explained that when the Island becomes isolated, the health center has the capacity to become a hospital facility, which includes a trauma room to intake pre-trauma and critical patients. Mr. Kilday stated that HEALTH is treating the Block Island facility as a hospital in planning efforts and is extending the same equipment and resources available to hospitals. This fall they will be adding radio communications working with the Communications to acquire a 800mhz phone system for the Island.

On the topic of Block Island preparedness, Chairman Fogarty asked Chief Smith of Narragansett to comment on the planning between Block Island and Narragansett with regard to evacuation by ferry.

Chief Smith responded that Narragansett enjoys a great working relationship with Block Island officials and are coordinating efforts between the town, the Island and Interstate Navigation. Chief Smith stated that each ferry that comes in with 1,000 people presents a challenge for sheltering or just getting people off the Island in a hurricane situation.

Chairman Fogarty asked if there would be ongoing efforts to get more shelters online.

Mr. Logathest responded that there is potential to plan for 8 or 9 more shelters in middle to northern Rhode Island.

Mr. Logathest stated that conversations are ongoing with police and fire departments as to who will pay for police and fire services at the shelters and that the shelters at URI and CCRI have police forces.

Mr. Holt stated that from Red Cross's perspective, they cannot open a shelter unless this issue is resolved and in place.

Director Warren stated if we open up a regional shelter, the plan at this point is that RIEMA will pick up tab for police and fire protection.

#### **Special populations Evacuation update-**

Director Warren reported that EMA is continuing to work with the locals on special populations' evacuations. Director Warren stated that the updating is almost complete, and they have updated every community.

Chairman Fogarty asked if there are capabilities to communicate with the deaf and hard of hearing when the EOC is activated and if it was standard operating procedure.

Director Warren stated that EMA has an agreement with a sign interpreter company.

#### **Communications Update - Chief Smith, Narragansett Police**

Chief Smith updated the council on the status of the Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network and stated that the Communications Workgroup has made great strides. Chief Smith stated that the name of the project was changed from the Washington County Interoperable Radio Project to the Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network to more clearly signify what this system truly represents.

Chief Smith requested that as EMA and state and local officials do table top exercises, that they consider adding use of the 800mhz system.

Chief Smith stated that legal teams for Coast Guard and 800MHZ have agreed to language for a MOU, which will open the way to the coast guard using the 800MHZ service. As of two weeks ago, the project is operating eight simulcast sites which give coverage from Pawtucket to Westerly, and are planning to add 4 channels in the North West part of Rhode Island.

Chief Smith added that the group is trying to secure funds to add Warren, Pawtucket, Woonsocket/Cumberland region, and Burrillville. If that comes to fruition within this next year, then they expect that there will be at least 90-95% of the state covered with mobile coverage. Chief Smith stated that law enforcement voted to apply 2006 Homeland Security funds to add those 4 channels and also add another site in Coventry.

Chief Smith reported that the group recently staged the Blackstone Valley system, the North Providence system at Chopmist, the Providence system at RIDOT and the Lincoln system and that the contractor is set for installation that will result in 11 sites up and running. Tiverton and Little Compton site construction are also underway.

#### **Utilities Preparedness Update**

Mr. Fred Mason reported on the preparedness planning for National Grid and informed the council on the recent heat emergency and lightning storm that caused power outages in South County, specifically North Kingstown. Mr. Mason stated that National Grid has been working with EMA to prepare for storms and are working with sister companies in MA and NY and other mutual aid agreements.

Chairman Fogarty responded that given that we had trouble with lightning storms and severe weather storms, what does that say about our ability to respond to a major storm like a hurricane.

Mr. Mason stated that the lightning storm came on the heels of the unprecedented heat. At the peak, about 27,000 customers were without power, the bulk of the issues occurring in the South County and Kent County areas, specifically in North Kingstown. Mr. Mason stated that the incident outlines the need for a sub station in North Kingstown as proposed by National Grid, and that 3 sub stations around the perimeter of that area were feeding into that general area of NK. They were all maxed out and did suffer some lightning damage. Mr. Mason stated that the bulk of restoration was handled by National Grid, although they did bring contractors in on short notice.

Fred Mason also stated that National Grid is working on a 5 year vegetation cut program which trims trees and other vegetation near utility lines and that contractors have been hired to step up trimming along evacuation routes.

#### **VI. Homeland Security Report- *MG Robert Bray* National Guard Deployments –**

General Bray updated the council on the recent terrorism threat in the UK and that EMA worked closely with TSA, RIAC and DHS and within a few hours, made the necessary changes in airport security.

Joseph Salter, of TSA, stated that all flights banned liquids, gels and aerosols. He also commended all those involved with the effort including the Bomb Squad, State Police, Warwick & Airport police, and the FBI.

Chairman Fogarty asked if the threat had any impact on passenger volume.

Mr. Salter stated that it did not seem to effect passenger volume although the screening process was stepped up.

General Bray added that the system worked very well and that there were several conference calls speaking with agencies across the country in a very open dialog with the federal government on what their position was and what actions needed to be taken and which offered an opportunity for states to weigh in with their issues and concerns.

General Bray stated that states had varying response across the country as the threat had different impacts on different parts of the country. After considering all of the options and the requirements and TSA needs, Rhode Island determined that National Guard activation was not needed in the Providence Airport. EMA did stand up the EOC.

General Bray also spoke of regional preparedness efforts including the upcoming meeting with the 6 New England states' Adjutant Generals and EMA Directors, FEMA, Coast Guard, and Army North. General Bray emphasized that a hurricane or incident that happens in RI it will have an impact on New England.

He also discussed the issue of payment and who pays the costs when additional civilian employees or military are activated in response to an incident, and that he has been working towards clarifying those issues with FEMA, National Guard Bureau, and TSA. The General stated that many of the stumbling blocks in the past in bringing resources on proactively are being addressed.

The General announced that EOC renovation will finish on time and the facility will be a state-of-the-art configuration. Upon completion, there will be a tabletop exercise utilizing the facility.

The General stated the intention to give a briefing to the state legislature and noted that they are working on a date to give an overview of hurricane preparations, threat plans and what the public needs to do in the case of an emergency. The meeting will be followed by a Q&A session for legislators.

General Bray gave an update on National Guard Deployments and commended the men and women of the Rhode Island National Guard.



General Bray stated that:

The 43<sup>rd</sup> MP Brigade is deployed in Iraq, and will be coming home in the near future, a date to be published.

One hundred thirty-three soldiers of the 1207<sup>th</sup> Transportation are their way to Iraq. The 1207<sup>th</sup> will provide convoy security and forward operating security.

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Artillery left for southwest border and is doing their annual training in conjunction with supporting the southwest border mission.

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Information Warfare Squadron sent 40 people to Arizona. The 102<sup>nd</sup> constructed the architecture for how four states would communicate in a homeland security environment for southwest borders.

General Bray stated that a recent recall drill resulted in a response of 77% of the currently assigned personnel in the state, and that within the matter of a few hours they were able to contact 77% of the force.

General Bray stated that he is working with the congressional team to develop a strategic plan for the military as well as emergency management issues. The General outlined several big issues and priorities including military construction, mobilization and deployment, recruiting and retention, and taking care of families and veterans. The General spoke of the National Guard Authorization Act to establish a 4-star position at the joint staff level, and opposition to a section of the act which gives the authority to the president to go directly to the National Guard for homeland security. General Bray stated that clearly it is the responsibility of the Governor (as outlined in the constitution) and that he will be working to oppose that section of the act.

The General stated that EMA is working to establish a flood council which will give access to federal dollars to put monitoring devices in our rivers and streams to help to be proactive and promote flood insurance.

Leo Messier of Providence EMA stated that he and John Holt of the RI Red Cross have been meeting with the minority population throughout the state on emergency preparedness and have been making progress with minority leaders who can get the message of preparedness out to the population. Mr. Holt, through the help of the RI Foundation, convened a meeting with most of the major minority community leadership represented at the table. Mr. Holt stated that a new committee is being formed, led by Ramone Martinez, President and CEO of Progresso Latino to develop strategies to address these communities.

Chairman Fogarty asked if the minority broadcasters have been contacted and are being utilized to get the preparedness messages out.

Director Warren responded that EMA has begun conversations with Barbara Hanes of the Broadcasters Association to involve the minority media outlets.

Mr. Holt said that the bigger challenge is the Asian population. Given that there are very few media sources that communicate with those populations, communicating through community leaders and working with them to develop ways to communicate the preparedness messages is essential.

Director Warren also added that he has met with the International Institute to address the issue.

Tom Kilday added that HEALTH is working on translating the health messages and would offer suggestions if needed.

Mr. Holt commented that the diversity of the sheltering staffs should reflect significant minority populations and the number of languages spoken.

**Federal Funding/ Grant Update- *John Aucott, RIEMA***

Director Warren presented a report on the status of Homeland Security Funding. Director Warren stated that the Department of Homeland Security is currently meeting to discuss the funding for the next fiscal year.

The Director stated that EMA and the Governor's office have not yet announced the allocations for 2006 Fiscal year funding.

The Director added that that law enforcement has dedicated direct funds towards the 800mhz project.

Director Warren listed the redirection of the 2004 funds, as it was reported in past meetings that as much as \$9M was not allocated, in the end only \$775,000 was not allocated.

Director Warren stated that the funds were redistributed to various communities including:

- 120,000 for bomb detection equipment for police chiefs association
- \$202,000 into 800mhz system, some specifically directed to Hopkinton
- \$455,000 in sheltering/ EOC money Barrington
- \$36,000 generator for shelter
- \$125,000 Central Falls for generators for shelters
- \$50,000 Exeter
- \$121,000 Middletown
- \$43,000 Jamestown
- \$125,000 Westerly
- \$10,000 Woonsocket

## ***VII. Pandemic Flu Planning Report – Dr. Cirillo, HEALTH***

Tom Kilday reported on a June 30<sup>th</sup> regional meeting that discussed developing consensus issues related to pandemic planning and reported that planning for a pandemic flu is ongoing.

Mr. Kilday also reported on hospital planning stating that hospitals will submit plans by the Oct. 1 due date. Hospitals will also begin individual, regional and hospital-based exercises, and will work with EMA on a larger exercise after the first of the year.

Mr. Kilday also stated that the hospital public information staffs met to agree on joint information procedures and messages.

## ***VIII. Amber Alert Update- Lt. David Hayden RISP***

Lt. Hayden reported on a National Amber Alert conference he attended on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in New Mexico. Lt. Hayden stated that the focus of the meeting was use of technology and notification, and involving the Broadcasters Association in Amber planning. In addition, Lt. Hayden stated that Child Abduction Response Teams are forming in the New England region, which provides an abundance of resources not only in the notification process but also to reach out to the families to assist them.

Lt. Hayden reported that RI may want to explore the option of creating protocol for an “Endangered Persons Advisory,” that would be a partnership with the Broadcasters Association to broadcast information on situations that fall short of reaching the criteria protocols and information needed to issue a formal Amber Alert.

Other topics covered at the conference included national registration and internet posting of juvenile offenders, mandatory entry of missing children into NCIC within 2 hours, and also grants for crimes against children on the internet. Lt. Hayden stated that the RI State Police have a dedicated office assigned to crimes against children on the Internet.

Lt. Hayden stated that the National Conference was very interested in the process that RI has for AMBER in the way the EOC is activated and that there are dedicated phone lines for Amber Alert calls. Lt. Hayden stated that Rhode Island is ahead of the curve when it comes to fielding the calls that come in as a result of activation. Most states direct it back to the police department that initiated the AMBER and calls get mixed in with other unrelated calls. Rhode Island activates the dedicated AMBER PHONES and other states were impressed and are looking into adopting the same policies, according to Lt. Hayden.

Lt. Hayden continued that there will be a training with local city and town officials on August 31<sup>st</sup>, to review the AMBER process, notification and criteria that has to be met in order to have a uniform understanding of how the AMBER system is initiated.

Lt. Hayden concluded by reporting that there have not been any recent AMBER ALERT notifications in Rhode Island. The closest was in Montville, CT where the child was recovered 2 ½ hours after the activation. The suspect was arrested and charged.

Director Warren added that during the heat wave emergency, EMA activated the EAS system and everything worked well.

#### ***IX. West Nile/EEE Report – Alan Gettman, RIDEM***

Dr. Gettman gave a report on the West Nile/ EEE situation in Rhode Island. Dr. Gettman stated that DEM has been trapping since June and to date has not detected either EEE or West Nile Virus.

Dr. Gettman stated that this year, Massachusetts uncovered 48 mosquito pool samples that are EEE positive and 2 horses have died of EEE in Southeastern Massachusetts. Given last years' situation and this year's large number of mosquitoes and EEE findings in the state, Massachusetts elected to do a large scale spraying to kill adult mosquitoes, and sprayed 160,000 acres, just under size of Washington County in RI. Trappings before and after the spray indicated some 70 to 90 percent reductions in mosquitoes, indicating that it was a highly successful spraying operation.

Dr. Gettman stated that EEE has not been found yet in RI this year, however, DEM has increased mosquito traps on the East Bay (Tiverton, Little Compton, Warren) area in response to what is happening in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Chairman Fogarty asked if DEM had set protocols for spraying in Rhode Island.

Dr. Gettman responded that DEM does have established protocols that were developed in 2001.

#### ***X. Energy Update – Janice McClanaghan, RI Energy Office***

Janice McClanaghan reported that prices are still high but that fuel prices did drop yesterday by \$4 now are \$73 down from \$77/barrel and that the price reductions should trickle down to gas prices, diesel, and heating oil.

Ms. McClanaghan reported that in regard to LIHEAP, the energy office continues to assist households with gas service turn ons and that agencies are now are beginning to print LIHEAP applications for this winter's program with the target date the beginning of September.

Ms. McClanaghan stated that the Energy Office is meeting with dealers about the possibility of margin over rack for LIHEAP, and that details are being worked out. Ms. McClanaghan also stated that the office is meeting with Legislative staff about securing funding for the upcoming LIHEAP program. At the time of the report, Ms. McClanaghan stated that the benefit levels for this year's program have not been set, and that the office

will submit the application in mid to late December. Ms. McClanagan stated that the office has yet to hear from the fiscal office but expects \$12 - \$13M, and also has \$7M which became available in April that can be rolled over to this years program.

**XI. Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee Report – Robert Warren, RIEMA**

Director Warren Stated that the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee did not meet in July so therefore, is no report.

Chairman Fogarty suggested including Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee minutes in EMAC regular minutes.

**XII. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions**

Chief Dillon of Providence Fire announced an exercise next week in regard to Bio Detection Systems at the Main Providence Post Office on Corliss St. in Providence.

Joe Salter, TSA, reported that the Forum on Rail Security took place and that a Rail Security Working Group will be formed to deal with rail incidents across the state. Mr. Salter also informed the group that TSA is working on a full-scale exercise at the airport involving a hijacking scenario.

Chairman Fogarty announced that the next domestic preparedness sub committee is on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

**XIII. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.**